

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of November 6 -November 9, 2006**

1. **Health Services Impact Committee (HSIC):** The Health Services Impact Committee met on Thursday, November 2nd. Lois Wessel and Andrew Sommers were elected by the attending members to serve as co-chairpersons. The next meeting is planned for December 7, 2006. Jere Stocks, President of Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH), has been invited to talk to the committee about the vision of WAH. *(Management Assistant)*
2. **Street Restoration:** Winchester Avenue was resurfaced Monday, November 6. Concrete work has begun on the Maple Avenue street improvement from Philadelphia Avenue to Sherman Avenue. This project is funded through the Community Development Block Grant program. *(Public Works)*
3. **Leaf Collection:** Vacuum leaf collection started November 6 and runs until December 22. Residents can rake leaves to the curbside at their convenience throughout the collection program. City crews are working in every zone of the City with a goal of collecting any leaf pile within 2 weeks of its appearance at the curb. A leaf collection hotline (301.891.7626) is available for residents who wish to report when they have their leaves at the curb. *(Public Works)*
4. **Verizon Franchising Process:** Testimony by Councilmember Bruce Williams was submitted to the County Council's MFP Committee in preparation for the MFP Worksession Monday, November 13. Communications Director Lonni Moffet will attend that meeting. The full Council is still expected to consider approval of the Verizon Franchise on November 28. *(City TV)*
5. **Vehicle Enforcement (Wards 2, 3, & 4):** Officers conducted at least 51 traffic stops this week, 46 which ended in written citations. More than half of the stops were made on Maple, Philadelphia New Hampshire, and University Boulevard. *(Police)*
6. **Officers in Meetings/Interviews:** On November 08, 2006, Chief Coursey attended the quarterly Noise Control Board Meeting. On November 09, 2006, Chief Coursey, Cpl. Tina Smith and Ilona Blanchard conducted interviews of prospective interns to work on the Department's GIS crime mapping project. Two candidates are proceeding through further review for a final selection. *(Police)*
7. **Snapshots:** The November edition of Snapshots, including features on CSAFE, Takoma Park Street Festival, A "Recumentary", and the Halloween Festivities, is airing on City TV 13 and is available as a webstream on the City web site. *(City TV)*
8. **Clean-up Main Street Takoma - Saturday, November 18 (City-wide):** The Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) Main Street Takoma Design Committee invites residents, businesses and other interested volunteers to help pick up trash, clean off graffiti, weed, mulch, and plant at Takoma Junction, Laurel Avenue and the Triangle Park in the District Saturday, November 18 at 11 AM. OTBA is a pre-approved Student Service Learning (SSL) organization and students participating in the event are eligible to earn required SSL credits towards graduation. For more information, please contact Main Street Takoma at (240) 253-4229 or [designcommittee@mainstreetakoma.org](mailto:designcommittee@mainstreetakoma.org). Information on how to obtain SSL credits can be viewed at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/ssl/> *(Housing and Community Development)*
9. **Accessible Homes Program For Seniors (City-wide):** The State of Maryland has a new pilot program which is sponsored by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community

Development in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging. The program provides zero percent interest, deferred loans for a term of 30 years to finance accessibility improvements in a home owned by a senior (55 years and older). If a senior resides in the home of a relative, eligibility is determined on a case by case basis. Household income cannot exceed 80% of the Washington DC MSA median (1 person household-\$51,240; 2 person household-\$58,560; etc.) Eligible improvements include widening of doorways, purchase and installation of exterior ramps, purchase and installation of accessible showers, grab bars and lever handles. To receive an application, call Linda Walker at 301.891.7222. (*Housing and Community Development*)

**10. Poetry Reading - Thursday, November 16 (City-wide):** Local poets Laura Brown and Roseanne Singer will be featured this coming Thursday, November 16 during the monthly poetry reading sponsored by Poet Laureate Don Berger in partnership with the Arts and Humanities Commission. The reading will begin at 7:00 and will be held on the third floor of the Takoma Park Community Center. (*Arts and Humanities Commission*)

**11. Fun Day Program:** The Fun Day Program has invited Mad Science of Washington and Cantare' to be their special guests this week. The Fun Day Program, sponsored by the Recreation Department, runs on school in-service holidays to help families who need activities for their children. Mad Science shared the "Mysteries of Chemistry" with us on Thursday, and Cantare' delighted us with Latin culture and music on Friday. Parents interested in finding out more about Fun Days can call Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233. (*Recreation*)

**12. Vote for Art - An opportunity to make use of your paper yard signs (City-wide):** Now that the election is over - the question is what to do with all of those yard signs you have proudly displayed. Consider participating in our "Vote for Art" project. The Takoma Park Arts & Humanities Commission is asking for the donation of used political lawn signs. All types and sizes of paper signs (not the plastic ones) will be accepted as part of the Commission's Spring "Vote For Art" Public Art Project. The donated signs will be white washed and the public will be invited to create a "new" campaign sign promoting a cause significant to them. Art supplies will be provided. The new signs will be unveiled on neighborhood lawns throughout the City of Takoma Park on Arts Advocacy Day, March 13, 2007. The project's goal is to bring attention to the creativity of Takoma Park as well as highlight the importance of supporting arts and arts education programs in the public schools. For more information contact Sara Daines at 301-891-7224 or by email at AHC@takomagov.org. (*Housing and Community Development*)

**13. Last Call for Artists and Craftsmen - Open Studio Tour and Holiday Art Sale (City-wide):** The Arts and Humanities Commission, in partnership with ASalon, are soliciting local artists and craftsmen for its Saturday, December 16 studio tour and holiday art sale. If you are interested in participating in the event and would like to open your studio for the tour or show your work at the Community Center, please contact the AHC at 301.891.7224 or by email at ahc@takomagov.org. Registrations are due Monday, November 20. (*Housing and Community Development*)

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